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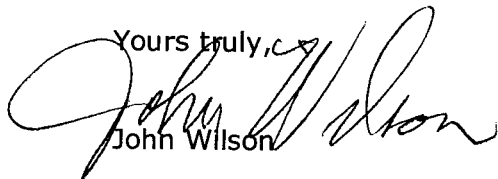
Dear Air Board:

I'm concerned about our energy production and its effect on the environment, and believe that the merged stack option is a great solution to this issue. Since the majority of complaints against the Mirant plant have been pollution caused by outdated equipment, I feel this is a positive step. The last thing I want to see is the Air Pollution Board stopping utility companies in Northern Virginia from generating the power needed to support both our new growth and existing citizenry.

Mirant has shown itself to be a good neighbor by taking steps to reduce the effects of its emissions. This is proven by the sulfur dioxide and nitrous oxide emission reduction levels. I feel that the City of Alexandria should demonstrate its leadership by proactively and cooperatively working with Mirant to achieve its goals. Attempting to deprive a property owner of rights they have exercised for more than 60 years, as the federal and state courts have ruled, is wrong. Having sat back and demanded change, it is time for our leaders to recognize the attempt to implement new strategies and give them the opportunity and time to prove their value.

The proposed plan by Mirant has earned the approval of the Department of Environmental Quality and appears to be sound. There is no valid reason to continue to attack the plant without giving them time to make the changes they are willing to. Let's direct our attention and resources to other, more important matters until it can be gauged whether this is a monumental success or a colossal failure.

Yours truly,


John Wilson